Donation to Karnataka Chief Minister's Medical Relief Society

*512. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Karnataka Government has consitituted a Corpus Fund of Rs. 100 crores under the name of the Chief Minister's Medical Relief Society;

(b) whether Government has given exemption as per Section 80G of the Income Tax Act for the donations to the Karnataka Chief Minister's Medical Relief Society;

(c) whether the above Society has sought exemption under Section 35 AC so as to mobilise more funds for being utilised to provide free treatment to poor patients; and

(d) if so, the action, if any, taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRIGHNGEEN. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir.

(d) National Committee for promotion of Social and Economic Welfare which is the authorised body for approving projects for 100 per cent deductions u/s 35 AC of the Income-tax Act, 1961, has rejected the application of the Society, in view of its policy that relief programmes carried out by the State Governments should be funded out of their own resources and not by raising donations from private parties. Society has now made a fresh application.

Misuse of Funds by Voluntary Organisations

† *513. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that several voluntary organisations under different Ministries are receiving grants for different purposes;

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.